

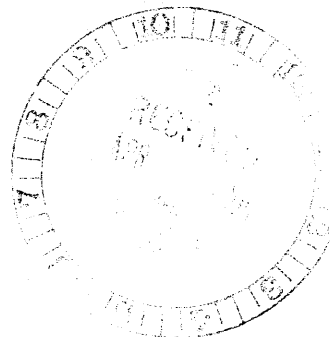


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April 1, 2004

Ms. Victoria Rutson, Chief
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC 20423



RE: Surface Transportation Board (STB) Finance
Docket No. 34435, Ameren Energy
Generating Company – Construction and Operation in Bond and
Montgomery counties, Illinois

Dear Ms. Rutson:

We have reviewed the proposed project as requested.

Conversion of important farmland, possible impacts on archaeological and historical sites, and wetlands are resources that may be affected by the proposed project.

Information provided in your letter and sketched map dated March 12, 2004 give a general location for the corridor rail access for both Routes A and B. In order for us to complete a detailed analysis of the proposed project, we need a project summary sheet explaining the project, a detailed soil mapping unit sheet from the county's soil survey delineating the corridor sites, and the total acres to be converted for each alternative.

This information packet should be mailed to: Mr. James B. Johnson
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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Johnson at the above address or telephone number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William J. Gradle".
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